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At 12 Mohawk-road, Shanghai, on the 19th Instant, the Wife of GEORGE SUTHERLAND, of a Daughter.
At 6 Pekin-road, Shanghai, on the 21st October, Mrs. W. M. DOWDALL, of a Son.

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THE news sent out by Reuter to-day, that Prince Hohenlohe, the German

Chancellor, strongly urges the acquisition of the Chusan Islands by Germany.

regards of the world or other powers, is so deeply interesting to Germany, that she means to follow the example of the United States, and to steadily pursue a policy of commercial expansion without territorial acquisition, with the result that while German trade throughout the whole of Asia is assuming dimensions threatening even to British trade, and far above all others, yet Germany has practically no single *piet a terre* in the East; for New Guinea and the wild cannibal islands of the south east are almost worse than nothing. German trade in China and the adjacent lands is far in excess of French, Russian, Spanish, and American trade, and the latter two empires that have acquired territory in the Far East. The most important commercial power, Britain, has no foothold at Hongkong, but the second in importance, Germany, has nothing. Her merchants are in every treaty port, her goods are all over the country, her ships

are the only serious competitors of ours
and in fact in the French, Spanish and

Russian Colonies it is German enter-
prise, German capital, German in-
dustry that has to do a large part
of the work of development. In Saigon
Vladivostok, Hioio, it is much the
same—German brain leads.

The traditional policy of Germany has never favoured colonisation or territorial expansion.

territorial expansion. From Germany has come much of the strength of the United States; and in other parts of the world may be found settlements, almost entire nations, that have sprung from German emigration. This growth

5. under the British system of cultivation has remained more or less closely bound

up with the British Empire, and is not
a great source of power to the mother
country; under the German system of
government, unprogressive, un-
pathetic, inelastic, there has been
absolutely no advantage to the German

Empire from all the vast drain
emigration, but only loss—loss

thousands of good citizens, with money and muscle and mental attributes of the highest class, all thrown away as far as the home country is concerned; for when they go to America they can ultimately be German. Why the

should be, it is hard to say; the
Germans as a rule are devoted to the

fatherland, and sing patriotic songs loudly as any : but they do seem glad to go away and settle under some other flag, and if numbers are any criterion they seem best pleased to naturalise in America or the British Colonies, fr

from the bugbear of conscription and grandmotherly government. The Go-

It would be undoubtedly advantageous from every point of view Germany could make a good start towards a colonial empire. Her efforts

...this direction have hitherto been di-
rectly unsatisfactory on the whole; b-

her mercantile marine is expanding leaps and bounds, and merchant navies are closely allied with colonization. There was recently a stupid story that Germany was boiling over with indignation at her colonial aspirations.

